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Port Control and Area Defensive Measures

1. Entrance to and exit from the Constanta harbor is permitted at night; however, guards are stationed at points No. 2 and 32 of attachment 1. Marines manning the signal station observe the name of the ship by the light of signal light flashes. A submarine net prevents submarines from entering the harbor. Neither the net nor any indication of it is visible.
2. The mines in the minefield shown off the port of Constanta have been collected. When the pilots are asked about the minefields, they imply that there are mines and recommend that the course to the next destination be given only after reaching a light to the east of Constanta and five miles from shore. The light was placed so as to prevent close observation of the shore by ships entering or leaving the harbor. If a ship sails near the shore, a plane carrying two persons takes off between Constanta and Shayla lighthouse and flies over the ship. There are shore observation posts in this area. Between Constanta and Tuzla there are barracks to house a battalion and two wireless stations, one large and the other small.

Military Affairs

3. A Soviet army garrison, believed to be larger than a battalion in size, is stationed in Constanta. The old Rumanian barracks are occupied by Soviet troops. New barracks were constructed for the Rumanian Army. The 34 Rumanian regiment is stationed at Constanta. No officers or enlisted men of the Air Force were encountered in Constanta.
4. Soldiers work in the loading and unloading operations of the harbor along with civilians, but only soldiers are used in construction projects.
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consisted of "ten guns of 15 caliber." [redacted] observation embrasures above the turrets. There were antiaircraft guns around the base of the forward mast, one gun of "10.5 caliber" between the stacks, and one shielded gun at the base of the after mast. The cruiser was equipped with mine releasing gear on both the port and starboard sides. Radar antenna were of the type pictured in the sketch. There were also many "range finders in the form of rods."

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6. There were two destroyers of from 900 to 1,200 tons in size. [redacted] They had two guns enclosed in a single mount forward, two single-gun enclosed mounts aft, and two torpedo tubes on each side.

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7. There were four motorboats with hulls constructed of iron sheets. They were a little larger than the Turkish motorboats. A "7.5 caliber" gun was mounted in the bow. In the stern there were two separate "40 mm caliber" guns. There was also an antiaircraft gun. Rod-shaped antennas were seen, but no radar antennas were visible.

Port Facilities and Installations

8. Pier B in attachment No. 1 designates the place assigned for the loading of tankers. Berths 29 and 30 are assigned only to Soviet ships. Soviet ships have priority in loading over those of other nationalities. Berths 26, 27 and 28 are assigned to ships of other nations.
9. The grain elevators which serve berths 14, 15, and 16 are "capable of supplying 130 tons of cereal an hour to each hold from five troughs." Despite large stocks on hand and the modern equipment, loading is irregular in its time schedule because of the inefficiency of the personnel. Competent and expert operators are not Communist Party members, and so are placed in minor positions.
10. Timber is brought to the port in trains and stored in areas indicated by C and D. The pier at C is being enlarged to twice its present capacity. Timber from area C is loaded at berths 24 and 25. Timber is hauled from area D in carts and loaded at berths 11, 12, 13, 16 and 17.
11. In the harbor there were a floating dock in which a ship was under construction [redacted] two dredgers, and a self-propelled shear-leg lighter of 50 to 60 tons. A section of about 50 meters of the pier at berth 19 had collapsed and was being repaired.
12. The concrete foundations of a big construction project had been laid in area E. "In the wharf an underground concrete tunnel 1.5 meters high and 8 cm thick is being constructed for office equipment. Its thickness is normal." Along this wharf cranes of 5 to 8 tons capacity are to be installed.

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Civil Affairs, Attitudes, and Economic Conditions

13. [redacted]
14. The dock workers and longshoremen were so destitute that they begged for cigarettes. The soldiers and non-commissioned officers in the customs service accept bribes secretly and coincide their visits to the ship

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with mealtime so as to receive a meal. They asked for everything from soap to safety razors.

15. The people in Constanta are low-spirited and depressed; despite their onerous living conditions they are so fearful as to be incapable of the simplest sabotage.
16. Fifty percent of the stores on the main street were closed down. Luxury items could not be found; postcards were not available. Food is very expensive.

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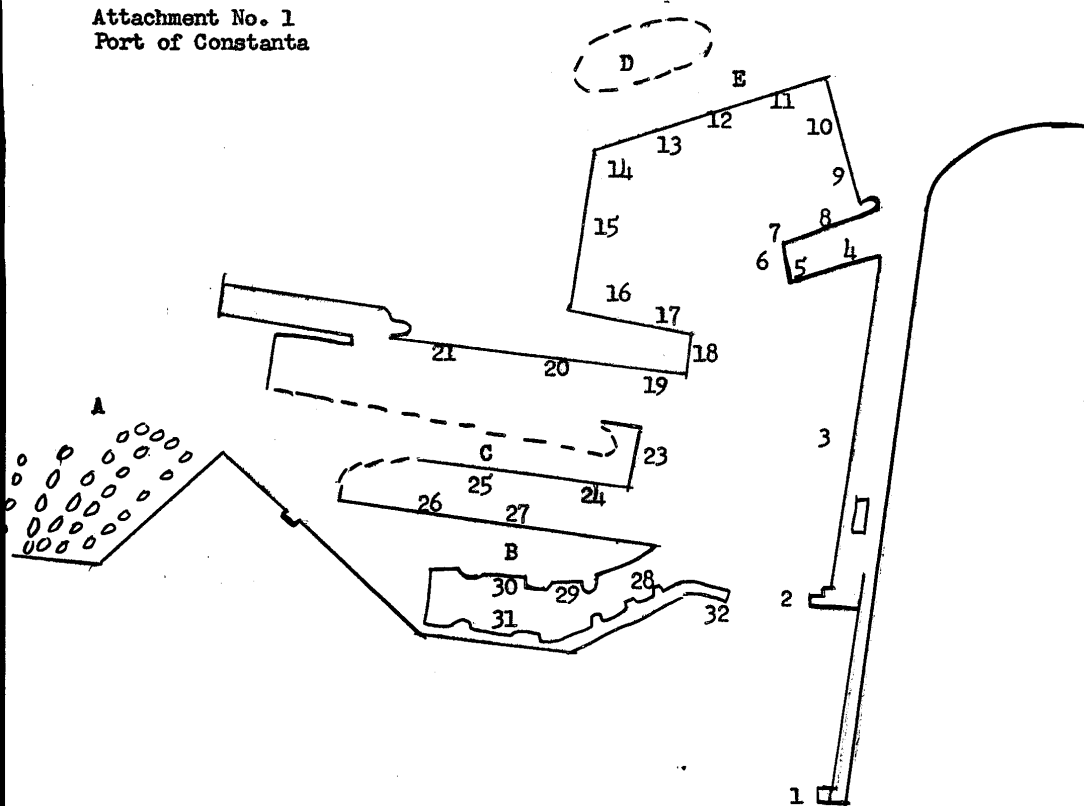
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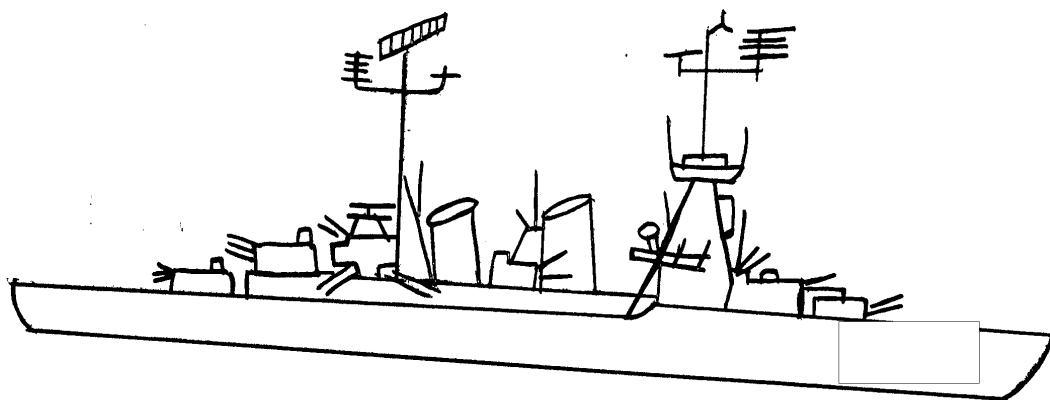
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Attachment No. 1
Port of Constanta



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Attachment No. 2
Soviet cruiser



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